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10/8/20 with 48 Attendees *(Please note this list reflects those who's name appeared or introduced themselves).*

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Sophie Olsen  
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Kristine Hernandez  
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## AGENDA


- Welcome and Introduction
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Rational Aim:

# Safe Routes to School MnDOT Update


Dave Cowan, SRTS Coordinator





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## Get Stepping with Walk to Anywhere Week, October 5-9, 2020!



School looks and feels a bit different this year: some schools are virtual, others are in-person, and many are in-between. Since back-to-school looks different for everyone this year, our annual [Walk to School Day](#) event is adapting for different school formats. Whether it's walking to school for in-person classes or exploring your neighborhood with family, we hope you will join us in walking during Walk to Anywhere Week, October 5-9, 2020!


Photo: Post Bulletin newspaper – Longfellow Elementary Rochester Public Schools Traci Westcott / [twestcott@postbulletin.com](mailto:twestcott@postbulletin.com)

We may not all be able to walk to school this year, but walking before, during, or after the school day still provides students and families the opportunity to reconnect with the simple joys of a walk. More than ever, students will benefit from physical activity, fresh air, and increased focus. No matter if your school is in-person or at home, the resources below will help you find ways to get involved in Walk to Anywhere Week this year!

### Resources for Everyone

Check out these [Ideas for Walk to School Day 2020](#) from the National Walk and Bike to School Day website for inspiration at the family, neighborhood, or school level.

Then check out some of our resources—these can be used in-school, by classroom or Phy. Ed.



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Scavenger hunt bingo and other fun resources:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news-events/walk-to-school-day.html>

Register your school or family event: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/registration/>

Photo Contest: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news-events/photo-contest-description.html>

**Where is your favorite place to walk?**

**Submit your photos to the MnSRTS Photo Contest!**



Submit your photos on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaSafeRoutesToSchool>

Can also email photos to: [dave.cowan@state.mn.us](mailto:dave.cowan@state.mn.us)

Luke Ewald : We've been doing Trail Moments w/ Rail's To Trails through Mid-November. I can pass along some photos of that photo contest



**Grant Solicitation Open!**

**APPLY NOW**





## Planning Assistance Grants

- What are planning assistance grants?
- How do I apply?
  - Online
- Who can apply?
- How much money is available?
  - \$300,000 (recipient receives planning services, not \$\$)



<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/planning-grants.html>

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Greater MN Infrastructure funding: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/ta/>

Pro tip: talk with your local engineers, RDCs, and MnDOT district offices about infra needs

Planning Assistance: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/planning-grants.html>

\*New\* Student Transportation Equity for Priority Populations (STEPP) tool:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/equity-atlas.html>

^^^may help you prioritize which schools to reach out to and support grant writing

Webinar is October 15 at 10 am

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  - November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm
- What is different this year?
  - Shorter application time frame
  - Application is online (with offline template)
  - Equity scoring is more objective
- How can I learn more?



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## Boost Grants

- What are Boost grants?
- How do I apply?
  - Online
- Who can apply?
- How much money is available?
  - ~\$200,000



<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/boost-grants.html>

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  - Shorter time frame for application and implementation
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<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/boost-grants.html>

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Boost non-infrastructure: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/boost-grants.html>

Webinar Nov 2 11am

If you want to do a bike fleet application and have questions, reach out to our fabulous partners at Bike MN!



Strategic plan: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/news-events/strategic-planning.html>



\$1,500 grant opportunity with America Walks: <https://americawalks.org/community-change-grants/>

## Safe Routes to School MnDOT Update

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Rational Aim:



<https://www.visionzerompls.com/speedlimit-s>

## My goal today

- Inspire you to think about whether your city should lower speed limits
- Give you some basic info to get you started in that process



## New speed limits law

- All MN cities can set speed limits on their streets, effective August 1, 2019. Must:
  - Be done in a “consistent and understandable manner”
  - Be “based on the city’s safety, engineering, and traffic analysis”
  - Provide “appropriate signage”
  - Consider “methods to effectively communicate the change to the public”
- Speed limits on County and MnDOT roads still dictated by MnDOT or state statutes



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## Minneapolis Vision Zero

### **Goal: zero deaths and severe injuries on City streets by 2027**

Between 2016 and 2019, an average of

- 13 people died
  - 128 people were severely injured
- in crashes on streets in Minneapolis.

*"A commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for people in the City of Minneapolis."*

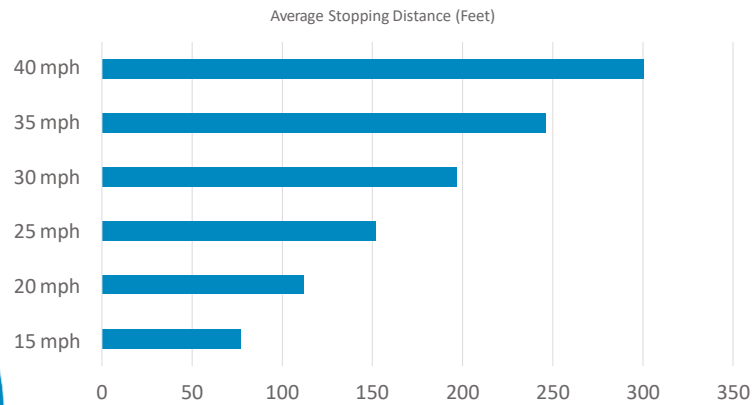
**Vision Zero Resolution (2017)**

Source: Vision Zero Crash Study  
Excludes freeway & intentional crashes

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## Lower traffic speeds = safer streets



Source: 2011 AASHTO "Green Book."

## RISK TO PEDESTRIANS INCREASES AS DRIVER SPEED INCREASES

**20  
mph**



**13%**

OF PEDESTRIANS  
WILL DIE OR SUFFER  
A SEVERE INJURY IF  
HIT BY A VEHICLE AT  
20MPH

**30  
mph**



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**40  
mph**



**73%**

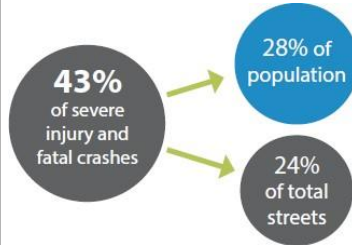
OF PEDESTRIANS  
WILL DIE OR SUFFER  
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HIT BY A VEHICLE AT  
40MPH

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2013. Impact of speed on pedestrian risk of severe injury or death.



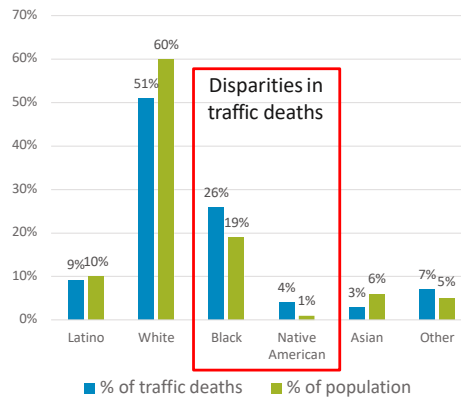
# Disparities in crashes are unacceptable

## Disparities in areas with more people with low incomes



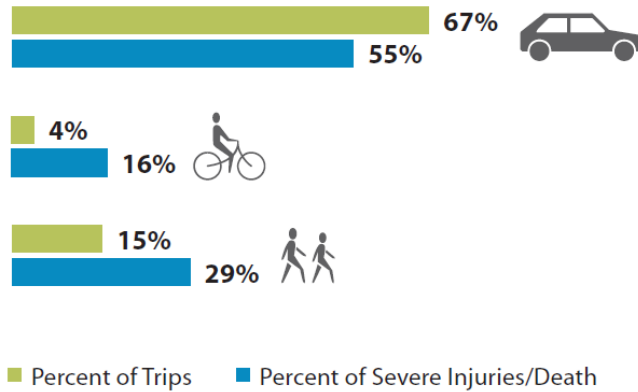
Source: Crashes from 2010-2019 in MnDOT MnCMAT 2020.  
Population based on 2013-2017 American Community Survey.

## Race and ethnicity of people killed in traffic crashes in Minneapolis



Source: Traffic deaths from NHTSA Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool for 2009-2018.  
Population from United States Census Bureau 2010-2019.

## Bicyclists and pedestrians are overrepresented in crashes



Injuries/deaths from Vision Zero Crash Study  
% of trips from 2010 Met Council Travel Behavior Inventory  
Automobile category includes cars, trucks, & motorcycles, but not transit

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Minneapolis  
**VISION ZERO**  
ACTION PLAN 2020-2022



December 2019



16 strategies and 72 actions address 4 areas:

- Safe streets
- Safe people
- Safe vehicles
- Safety data

## Supporting safe speeds

- Lower speed limits
- Streets design
- Education
- Communications
- Automated enforcement



Graphic source: Vision Zero Network

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## Minneapolis speed limits timeline

- September 2017: Vision Zero Commitment adopted
- September 2017: Local control of speed limits added to City's Legislative Agenda
- May 2019: Governor Walz signed legislation giving all cities new speed limit authority
- Aug 1, 2019: New speed limit authority went into effect
- Dec. 2019: City ordinance change adopted
- Early 2020: finalize technical speed limits analysis in coordination with St. Paul
- Spring-Fall 2020: implement speed limit changes and communications/education on new limits in coordination with St. Paul



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## Minneapolis speed limits goals

- Set speed limits that:
  - support reaching the City's Vision Zero traffic safety goal of zero traffic deaths or severe injuries;
  - reflect the City's Complete Streets policy by improving access and comfort for people walking, biking, and taking transit;
  - reflect projected future street use resulting from anticipated land use changes;
  - support moving people and goods; and
  - are reasonable, comfortable, and technically defensible.
- Defensible and replicable analysis and implementation process
- Educate street users so that they know about new speed limits and the important connection between speed and safety



## City Ordinance Change

- Process focused:
  - Clarifies that the City Engineer may establish speed limits for streets under the City's jurisdiction
  - Requires that comprehensive listing of speed limits and procedures used to set speed limits be kept on file and available for public inspection (Minneapolis)
- This ordinance change is needed to define how the City would use the new legislative authority on speed limits
- Aligns with the required technical analysis in the speed limit law
- Does not specify new speed limits





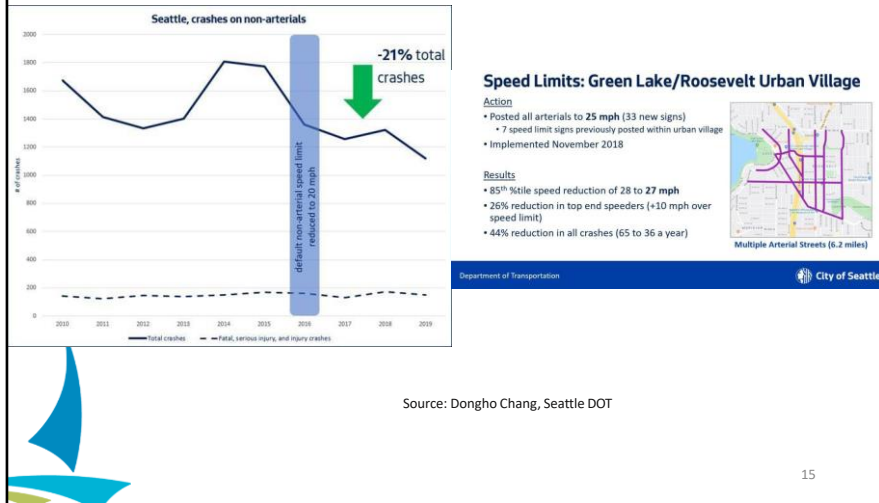
# Speed limits technical analysis

## Key points

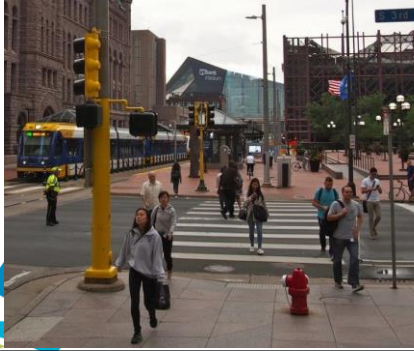
- National trend changes:
  - NACTO: <https://nacto.org/safespeeds/>
- Other cities
- Characteristics of Minneapolis roads
- Existing data



# Lower speed limits = safer streets Seattle example



## Characteristics of Urban Roads

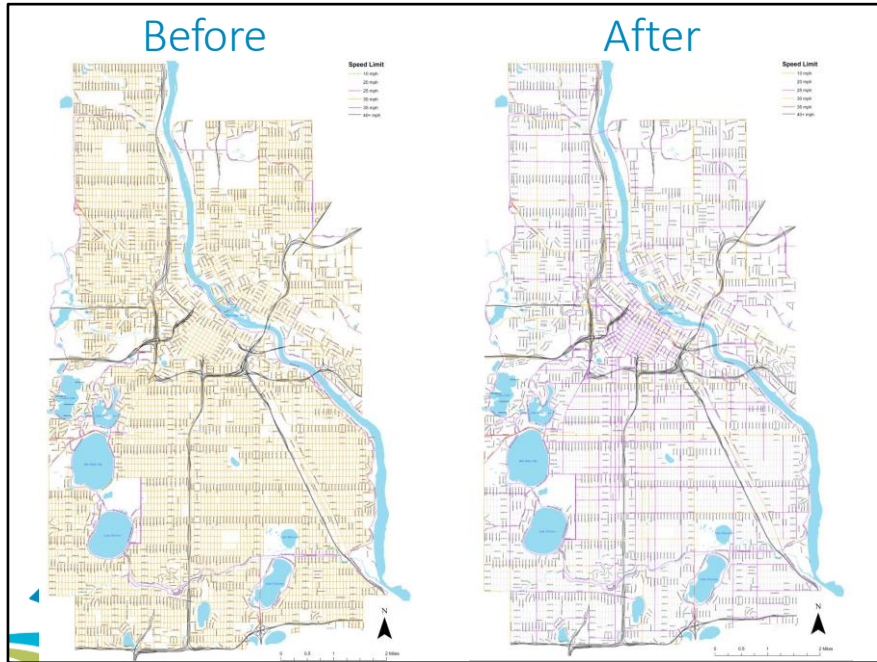


## Speed limit changes

- 20 mph for local residential streets
- 25 mph for City-owned collector and arterial streets
- 35 mph for 4 short segments with few conflicts connecting to Interstates

The City does not have authority over speed limits on Hennepin County and MnDOT streets and they will not be changing.





## Signage plan

- Gateway signs at most entry points to the City that note that the speed limit citywide is 20 mph unless otherwise posted
- Speed limit signs on streets with 25+ mph speed limits



- Coordinated with St. Paul
- Implementation will finish this fall

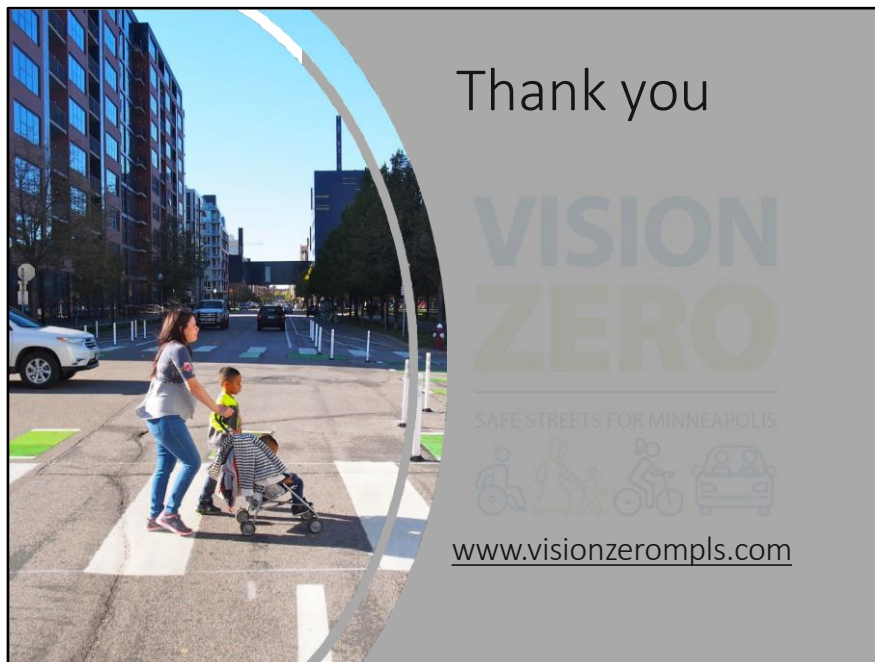


## Speed limits communications, education, and enforcement



- Partnering with Saint Paul
- Key communications and outreach strategies
  - “20 is Plenty” yard signs
  - Community group contracts to develop and share culturally-relevant messages in language
  - City communications channels
- Enforcement considerations





Where is the evaluation to copy?

Minneapolis eval link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c25330aaf2096c3a2756f1a/t/5e6a6106c6310850654285fd/1584029961476/Minneapolis+Speed+Limits+Evaluation+Final+3-12-2020.pdf>

St Paul Eval link:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/sites/default/files/Media%20Root/Public%20Works/20200312-Final%20-%20Saint%20Paul%20Speed%20Limit%20Evaluation.pdf>

Comment about yard signs: MnDOT general counsel is reviewing the "yard sign" policy. They are saying yard signs with logos are deemed advertising, therefore not allowed. Also, signs aimed at motorists are deemed traffic safety devices, which is also not allowed. There are several groups (including MnDOT and TZD) who violated this policy, so more to come, once MnDOT senior leadership weigh in.

What other communities are doing this?

Rochester, St Louis Park, Edina, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center are all in various stages.

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**JAKE RUETER**  
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE  
PLANNER IN MNDOT'S  
OFFICE OF TRANSIT  
AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

**KEN MCLEOD**  
POLICY DIRECTOR  
THE LEAGUE OF  
AMERICAN BICYCLISTS



## BIKE WALK LEADERSHIP NETWORK

October 21st, 2020 at 11:30 am

*Equity in Data Collection*

EMAIL [NATALIE@BIKEMN.ORG](mailto:NATALIE@BIKEMN.ORG) TO REGISTER!



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## THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

**MONTH**

October 8, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- Reducing Speed Limits on city or town roads.

**MONTH**

November 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- 2020 Strategic Plan
- School Speed Zones (TBD)

**MONTH**

December 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- 2020 Survey Results
- TBD

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# THANK YOU!



## THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...



### MONTH

January 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- SRTS Strategic Plan
- Demonstration Project Funding

### MONTH

February 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- Walking School Bus: Innovation in Rochester

### MONTH

March 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child
- Winter Walk To School Day Recap

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## THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...



### MONTH

July 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- School Patrol and Crossing Guards: Best Practices and Resources
- What happens in the Fall?

### MONTH

August 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- SRTS and 2020-21 School Year – Continued Discussion

### MONTH

September 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

### TOPIC

- Uber Meeting: Centering Equity and Engagement

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